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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. Following are abstracts of selected columns and broadcasts by Fulton Lewis, Jr., since 1950, relating to the Central Intelligence Agency. Full texts are attached.

3. Column, January 18, 1950: Alleges that CIA has reported that thirty-two persons working for the UN are engaged in espionage work for their governments including Soviets.

4. Column, December 17, 1951: Does not mention CIA but says that all US intelligence agencies (except the Federal Bureau of Investigation) are "cluttered with incompetents and others more closely aligned to Communist ideology."

5. Column, January 18, 1952: Attack on Samuel E. Klaus "described as a legal and intelligence expert of the State Department" who, among other things was said to have "tried to capture all State Department intelligence work, including jurisdiction over the Central Intelligence Agency and even some FBI operations."

6. Column, April 4, 1952: Reference to the allegation that John P. Davies of the State Department tried to get CIA jobs for Communists.

7. Broadcast, October 16, 1953: Accuses CIA of not being alert in the matter of alleged theft of documents from the Army Signal Corps Laboratory at Fort Monmouth. Complains of CIA security which prevents him from finding out more about the agency.

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8. Broadcast, January 25, 1956: The "basic set-up of CIA is not a healthy one for any government such as this one of ours," and there is as yet no real way to investigate CIA. It "has always been a mystery" why it is necessary to have a separate agency for foreign intelligence operations, when we have the FBI.

9. Broadcast, April 9, 1956: In some detail, discusses origin and development of CIA in connection with Senate discussion of "watchdog committee." Says that although it is not possible to find out what CIA does, facts slip out such as that CIA supports RFE which sends broadcasts sympathetic to communism from Munich. In the Far East "CIA was reportedly involved in all sorts of commercial operations" including "...a very heavy stake in a commercial airline flying between Formosa and Japan."

10. Broadcast, April 20, 1956: Follows testimony before Senate Internal Security Subcommittee about Russian sailors taken back to Russia from Idlewild Airport, with emphasis on alleged part of CIA in not preventing departure.

11. Broadcast, April 27, 1956: CIA could have stopped the Russian sailors who were taken from Idlewild Airport by Soviet Agents but did not do so. No one can know what goes on in CIA, but this is one example of its "bungling."

12. Broadcast, August 21, 1957: CIA was "asleep at the switch" during the coup in Syria.

13. Broadcast, September 10, 1957: US Ambassador to Cuba accused of favoring Cuban rebels. Lewis says CIA knows that the rebel party is "tainted with Communism."



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14. Column, October 4, 1957: Regarding RFE, Lewis says (1) it is CIA-supported, (2) Archduke Otto of Austria Hungary on hearing RFE's Czech-language broadcasts, thought them to be "propaganda stuff from Radio Prague," and (3) State Department "pinkos" allowed RFE's Munich staff to be "loaded" with Czech communists. Promises expose of some of these.

15. Column, October 6, 1957: Names six of ten members of Munich RFE who Lewis claims were Communists and escaped to Czechoslovakia carrying RFE documents with them. The six were: Oldrich Kucera, Ladislav Zapletal, Karel Folta, Karel Molin, Marie Dvorakova, and Jiri Kalas.

16. Column, October 10, 1957: Quotes what he says to be RFE policy under which RFE Munich has been directed to build up Tito and independent Yugoslav communism, even though Truhh Dollars finance RFE for the purpose of spreading the gospel of Western Democracy.

17. Column, October 22, 1957: Lewis says that, according to CIA, "Latin American Bigwigs" meeting in Ciudad Trujillo wondered why the US, which took such a strong stand against Communism in Guatemala, yet permits the "former Venezuelan Dictator," Romulo Betancourt, to operate in Puerto Rico.

18. Broadcast, October 31, 1957: RFE policy of supporting Tito. (See Column of October 10.)

19. Broadcast, November 12, 1957: At the offices of the Free Europe Committee in New York, Lewis was told that it was actually the policy of RFE in Munich to support Titoist communism and that RFE considered the policy a wise one.



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20. Column, November 14, 1957: Odd that the Crusade for Freedom makes no "public financial report." A sizeable part of its money goes for junkets to Europe by people who could not pay their own way. Everyone except the American people knows about CIA's connection with CFE. Through this connection, it is the US taxpayer who supports the junkets. CIA, meanwhile, is "sacrosanct."

21. Note: Radio Moscow on November 16, made use of Lewis's statements to the effect that CIA grants funds to RFE.

22. Column, November 18, 1957: Regarding contributions to the Crusade for Freedom, those of government workers are "all but mandatory! The money is spent by "a Rover Boy regime." The Crusade's doings cannot be investigated on account of CIA.

23. Column, November 19, 1957: RFE is a waste of money. The fact that the Russians jam it is no proof that it hurts them. The Russians must like the pro-Tito line. Only about 1% of the people to whom the broadcasts are directed, hear them.

24. Column, November 20, 1957: The reason why Samuel S. Walker, Jr., RFE Chief in New York, sent G. A. Trutnovsky, a Czech (a year late) to liquidate the Munich balloon project was that Howard S. Weaver, normal European head of the project was being deported for Black Marketing. Walker and Weaver are "ivy league youths." John Kirk, son of the president of Columbia University, rose, in RFE, in three months from a salary of $5500 to $10,500.

25. Broadcast, November 22, 1957: RFE is naive in supporting alleged independent Polish communism and is wasting "Truth Dollars" in this way.

25a. Broadcast, November 27, 1957: CIA spends huge sums on RFE and CAT, and these are just two of many.

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26. Column, December 2, 1957: Complains of RFE operations in the Far East, not seeing how "all this fits into a pattern of hope and freedom propaganda to enslaved millions behind the Iron Curtain."

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Enclosures



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